

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A photodiode array comprising a semiconductor substrate,

wherein a plurality of photodiodes are formed in array on an opposite surface side to an incident surface of light to be detected, in the semiconductor substrate, and

wherein a resin film for transmitting the light to be detected and for functioning as a cushion layer is provided so as to cover at least regions corresponding to regions where the photodiodes are formed, on a side of the incident surface of the light to be detected, in the semiconductor substrate.

Claim 2 (Original): The photodiode array according to Claim 1, wherein a plurality of depressions having a predetermined depth are formed in array on the opposite surface side to the incident surface of the light to be detected, in the semiconductor substrate, and

wherein each said photodiode is formed in a bottom portion of the associated depression.

Claim 3 (Original): The photodiode array according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the resin film is provided so as to cover the entire incident surface of the light to be detected, in the semiconductor substrate.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The photodiode array according to claim 1, wherein the semiconductor substrate is provided with an impurity region between the photodiodes adjacent to each other, for separating the photodiodes from each other.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The photodiode array according to claim 1, wherein a high-impurity-concentration layer of the same conductivity type as the semiconductor substrate is formed on the incident surface side of the light to be detected, in the semiconductor substrate.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A method of producing a photodiode array, the method comprising:

a step of preparing a semiconductor substrate comprised of a semiconductor of a first conductivity type;

a step of forming a plurality of impurity diffused layers of a second conductivity type on one surface side of the semiconductor substrate to form a plurality of photodiodes each comprised of the impurity diffused layer and the semiconductor substrate, in array; and

a step of providing a resin film for transmitting light to which the photodiodes are sensitive and for functioning as a cushion layer, so as to cover at least regions corresponding to regions where the photodiodes are formed, on another surface of the semiconductor substrate.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method of producing a photodiode array, the method comprising:

a step of preparing a semiconductor substrate comprised of a semiconductor of a first conductivity type;

a step of forming a plurality of depressions in array on one surface side of the semiconductor substrate;

a step of forming a plurality of impurity diffused layers of a second conductivity type in bottom portions of the depressions to form a plurality of photodiodes each comprised of the impurity diffused layer and the semiconductor substrate, in array; and

a step of providing a resin film for transmitting light to which the photodiodes are sensitive and for functioning as a cushion layer, so as to cover at least regions corresponding to regions where the photodiodes are formed, on another surface of the semiconductor substrate.

Claim 8 (Original): The method according to Claim 6 or 7, further comprising a step of forming a high-impurity-concentration layer of the first conductivity type on the other surface of the semiconductor substrate, prior to the step of providing the resin film.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 6, further comprising a step of providing an impurity region of the first conductivity type between the impurity diffused layers adjacent to each other.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A radiation detector comprising:
the photodiode array as set forth in claim 1; and
a scintillator panel arranged opposite to the incident surface of the light to be detected, in
the photodiode array, and arranged to emit light with incidence of radiation.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A radiation detector comprising:
the photodiode array produced by the production method as set forth in claim 6; and
a scintillator panel arranged opposite to the surface where the resin film is provided in the
photodiode array, and arranged to emit light with incidence of radiation.

Claim 12 (New): The photodiode array according to claim 1, wherein a thickness of the
resin film is set in a range of 1-50 μm .

Claim 13 (New): The photodiode array according to claim 1, wherein a surface of the
resin film is exposed.

Claim 14 (New): The photodiode array according to claim 1, further comprising an anti-
reflection film provided on the incident surface of the light to be detected, in the semiconductor
substrate,

wherein the resin film is provided on the anti-reflection film.

Claim 15 (New): The radiation detector according to claim 10, further comprising an optical resin provided so as to fill a space between a light exit surface of the scintillator panel and the resin film.